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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

GLENDORA TURNER, Individually, and as Administratrix of the Estate of WILLIAM LEE TURNER, deceased, Plaintiff. v. MERCK & CO., INC., a foreign Corporation; ANNE BRANDON, an Individual; LAMONDE RUSSELL, an CASE NO. 2:05-cv-702-M Individual; and fictitious defendants A, B, C & D, being those persons, firms or Corporations whose fraud, scheme to defraud, and/or other wrongful conduct caused or contributed to the Plaintiff's injuries and damages, and whose true names and identities are presently unknown to Plaintiff, but will be substituted by amendment when ascertained, Defendants.

MOTION TO REMAND

Plaintiff respectfully moves the Court to remand this action to the Circuit Court of Bullock County, Alabama, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1447(c). In support, Plaintiff shows the following:

- 1. Federal subject matter jurisdiction is not present. The Defendants have failed to meet their burden of establishing federal jurisdiction.
- 2. Diversity jurisdiction as outlined by 28 U.S.C. § 1332 is not present. The parties to this action are not diverse. Plaintiffs are residents of the State of Alabama. Merck & Co. is

incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey and has its principle place of business in New Jersey. Defendants Anne Brandon and Lamonde Russell are residents of the State of Alabama. Furthermore, the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.

- 3. Plaintiff states viable claims under Alabama law against all Defendants. All Defendants are properly joined to this action. Defendant Merck has failed to show that Anne Brandon and Lamonde Russell, residents of Alabama, are fraudulently joined.
- 4. The removing Defendant failed to obtain consent or timely consent to removal from all properly served Defendants.

For the reasons stated above and in the accompanying Brief in Support of Motion to Remand, Plaintiff urges the Court to remand this action to the Circuit Court of Bullock County, Alabama.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing document upon the parties <u>as</u>

<u>listed below</u> by placing a copy of same in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, on this the <u>day of Quant</u>, 2005.

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